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A.—(i) The International Health Board of the Rockefeller Foundation has been co-operating with this Government during the past six years in carrying out an investigation into the prevalence of Hookworm in this Presidency, and into the methods by which it can most successfully be controlled. Dr. Kendrick, an officer deputed by the Board, has been in charge of the work and his pay has been met entirely by the Board. An intensive educational campaign has also been carried on from 1923-24, the cost of which has been shared equally by the Government and the Board. The amounts contributed by the Board towards the cost of this campaign are shown below :—

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1925–26	6,542
1926–27	4,455
1927–28	9,000 (Revised estimate)

(Separate figures prior to 1925-26 are not available.)

(ii) (*a*) The policy of the Rockefeller Foundation is to assist in financing projects of this kind, only in order to demonstrate their feasibility and to prove the desirability of the local Governments concerned undertaking the work for the benefit of the people. Once this has been done, the Foundation withdraw their assistance in the expectation that the Local Government will continue the work on the lines suggested. Dr. Heiser, Associate Director of the International Health division of the Rockefeller Foundation, visited Madras in December 1927, and he then pointed out that the policy of the Foundation had been fulfilled in this Presidency, and that the time had arrived for the Foundation to withdraw their representative, Dr. Kendrick, and for the Madras Government to carry on the work as part of the ordinary Public Health administration of the Presidency. The Madras Government agreed with reluctance to the withdrawal from 1st February 1928 of Dr. Kendrick by the Rockefeller Foundation.

(*b*) No steps have been taken by the Government to secure the co-operation of the Rockefeller Foundation in connexion with Anti-Malarial or Cholera operations.

Fire accident in the Madras Medical College.

* 1788-A *Q*—Dr. B. S. Mallayya : With reference to question No. 967 answered on the 31st October 1927 regarding the fire accident in the Madras Medical College, will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state whether the Government have received the information and if so, what it is ?

A.—The information required is laid on the table.[a]

[a] Printed as Appendix on page 611 infra.